

# 7th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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All of Us Together!



**FALL 2022** 

#### **Committee Assignments**

- · Audit Committee, Chair
- Community, Environment and Economic Development Committee, Vice-Chair
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- Parks and Culture Committee

# What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

#### **Airports**

- Mitchell Field
- Timmerman Airport

#### **County Court System**

- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

### **County Roads**

- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

#### **Cultural**

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health

#### **Park System**

- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

## **Milwaukee Transit System**

#### **Sheriff's Department**

- House of Corrections
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

### Hello Neighbor,

I hope you were able to make time this summer and fall to enjoy the warm weather and stroll through one of the beautiful parks in the *Magnificent* 7th County Supervisory District, which includes Dineen Park, Harriet Tubman Park, Kops Park, and McGovern Park, amongst so many others.

As we settle in for another cold Milwaukee winter, I can't help but look forward to getting back outside next year, once again enjoying our parks and spending quality time at community events with my fellow residents of the 7th District! Until then, if you need more information on staying warm in the months to come, I have included details on Milwaukee County's energy assistance program in the resource guide below.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our November 8th election. To all who voted either in-person or via mail-in ballot, and to those who staffed our polling sites and participated in counting ballots, your service is greatly appreciated. I'm happy to say that Wisconsin had some of the highest turnout in the entire country this year!

Exercising your right to vote is crucial to maintaining our democracy, and I encourage everyone to register to vote and make sure their friends and family are registered too – particularly as we prepare for another election just around the corner in February. Please visit <a href="https://www.myvote.wi.gov">www.myvote.wi.gov</a> for more information.

Please continue to share your project ideas, county service concerns, and policy priorities to improve our community. Feel free to inform me of the good work neighbors are doing so that I can amplify the work happening in District 7. Additionally, I would love to attend your community events—including neighborhood meetings, cookouts, and block parties. Please contact my office with details to ensure your event is on my calendar: felesia.martin@milwaukeecountywi.gov or (414) 278-4241.

Respectfully,

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**County Supervisor, The Magnificent 7th District** 



Supervisor Martin poses with County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson after County Executive David Crowley's presentation of the 2023 Recommended County Budget.



Supervisor Martin joins advocates for restorative justice and voting rights, Barbara Arnwine, Esq., and Daryl Jones, Esq., for a voter registration event.

Supervisor Martin represents several City of Milwaukee neighborhoods, including Dineen Park, Capitol Heights, Grasslyn Manor, Enderis Park, Sunset Heights, Roosevelt Grove, Lincoln Creek, and Garden Homes.

## **Hard Decisions Made in 2023 County Budget**

Milwaukee County has just concluded another budget season. On Thursday, November 10th, after nearly 12 straight hours of debate and voting on amendments, the County Board of Supervisors successfully adopted our 2023 Milwaukee County Budget.

I'm happy to share that several of the amendments I put forward this year gained the support of my colleagues and made it into the adopted budget, including funding for a much-needed new back-up power generator at McGovern Park Senior Center.

This year's budget was aided by some good fortune in a couple of areas which averted major cuts and allowed for some targeted investments that align with the County's strategic plan. Robust growth in the county's current 0.5% sales tax helped stave off service cuts. \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds filled a gap in mass transit funding for this year, though the County Executive did include reduced service for routes 34, 52, 88, and 92.

The Parks Department was the beneficiary of a \$1.5 million increase over last year in the Adopted Budget. This includes a net of 17 new positions, primarily focused on park maintenance. Five outdoor pools are budgeted to be open for 2023. Golf, boat slip rental, and facility rental fees are proposed to increase.

While major service cuts have been avoided for another year, without a sustainable, long-term solution to its growing structural deficit, Milwaukee County will have no local dollars for services such as parks, transit, or many of the human services residents rely on. Milwaukee County continues to work alongside the Move Forward MKE coalition to pursue a 1 percent local option sales tax, to be paired with property tax relief. The 1 percent sales tax is our county's best option to ensure the future of these services.

The County Board's budget process is guided by principles of racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum championed by our wonderful Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson. These guiding principles help create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensures all voices are heard.



# Community Brainstorming Conference

Alongside Governor Tony Evers, State Senator LaTonya Johnson, State Representative Evan Goyke, County Executive David Crowley, and Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Supervisor Martin attended a discussion on working together to build prosperity in Milwaukee.

# 2022 Legislative Items Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Supervisor Martin

- 22-957: A resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin to amend its statutes to allow for counties and municipalities to sell all types of alcohol in public parks.
- 22-927: A resolution in support of State of Wisconsin legislative changes ensuring access to abortion care.
- 22-887: A resolution supporting the enfranchisement of Milwaukee County voters.
- **22-870:** A resolution requesting a feasibility study for creating a Milwaukee County Parks Youth Corps program.
- 22-868: A resolution in support of democracy and nonpartisan election administration.
- 22-867: A resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin to enact common sense gun regulations while respecting the right to bear arms ensured in the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions; and calling upon the State of Wisconsin to pursue as many federal funds available under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act as possible.
- 22-769: A resolution celebrating the civic and design contributions of Frederick Law Olmsted to Washington Park, Milwaukee County, and the United States; and renaming the roadway in Washington Park to Olmsted Way.
- 22-703: A resolution repudiating the history of discriminatory covenants in Milwaukee County and the United States.
- 22-662: A resolution/ordinance to reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with Milwaukee County's mission and vision to achieve racial equity.

- 22-659: A resolution calling upon the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to hold public listening sessions in addition to its information sessions for the I-94 East-West Project and calling for as much removal of the Stadium Freeway as possible to return that land to the community.
- 22-577: A resolution declaring a policy preference toward returning to in-house food service provision and commissary services for those housed in the House of Correction, County Jail/Criminal Justice Facility, and Detention Center at the Vel R. Phillips Youth and Family Justice Center.
- 22-556: A resolution supporting the people of Ukraine and condemning the unprovoked aggression and war crimes committed by Russian Federation soldiers in Ukraine.
- 22-554: A resolution earmarking \$10,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding designated to combat the racial disparities in Milwaukee County's vaccination rates and increase the County's Black vaccination rate.
- 22-467: A resolution/ordinance to establish a paid parental leave program for Milwaukee County employees.
- 22-404: A resolution calling on the Wisconsin Attorney General to initiate a lawsuit against fossil fuel companies to seek justice and damages for environmental and climate damage in Wisconsin communities.
- 22-296: A resolution authorizing and directing the Government Affairs Liaison to request the United States Department of Justice examine the State of Wisconsin's shared revenue system.
- 22-292: A resolution creating the Milwaukee County Climate Adaptation Group to identify risks, create processes, and solutions to problems stemming from global climate change, particularly for the Milwaukee County Parks.

## **County Resources**

#### **Eviction Resources**

If you are in need of eviction resources, please utilize EvictionFreeMKE for information on free legal assistance, rent support services, and your rights as a tenant. You can visit EvictionFreeMKE.org or call (414) 892-7368 to learn more.

#### Renters Assistance

Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction. In partnership with Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds, to financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on communityadvocates.net or requested by emailing renthelp@communityadvocates.net. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at (414) 270-4646.

#### **Emergency Food Map**

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals out to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. www.hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/get-helpnow-covid-19

#### 24-Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious due to social distancing, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require of professional counselors, you can reach out to (414) 257-7222.

#### **Shelter Resources**

**Shelter Hotline:** (414) 302-6633

#### Men

Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor):

1820 W. Wells St. • (414) 935-0200

Guest House of Milwaukee: 1216 N. 13th St. • (414) 345-3240

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge:

1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

**Salvation Army Respite Care:** 1730 N. 7th St. • (414) 265-6360

Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • (414) 645-2122

Cathedral Center, Inc.: 845 N. Van Buren St. • (414) 831-0394 Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St.

(414) 265-6360

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Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • (414) 645-2122 Casa Maria: 1131 N. 21st St. • (414) 344-5745

#### **Families**

**Community Information Line: 211** 

**A-Call:** (414) 302-6633



# **District 7 Community Town Hall Meeting**

Supervisor Martin speaks during a District 7 community town hall meeting held at the wonderful McGovern Park Senior Center.

# **Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Milwaukee County Residents**

If you are looking for help on your energy bill this winter, Milwaukee County may have you covered. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier.

If you have a utility bill and are within Milwaukee County's income guidelines, you probably qualify. Schedule an appointment by calling (414) 270-4-MKE or 2-1-1. Once you successfully complete the application with an energy specialist your benefit will go directly to your utility account.

If you completed an application interview and need to return verification documents to expedite your Energy Assistance application:

- Send documents to milwaukee.energy@umos.org if you had an interview with UMOS
- Send documents to eadocuments@communityadvocates.net if you had an interview with Community Advocates

Please be sure to black out your social security number, date of birth, bank account numbers or EIN prior to submitting the documents.

If you are seeking the status of your application, you will receive a benefit status letter in the mail within 7-14 business days after vour verification documents have been received. If it has been more than 14 business days, please call (414) 270-4653.

If you have a complaint in regard to your experience with the Energy Assistance Program, please call (414) 289-6656 or email EnergyAssistance@Milwaukeecountywi.gov and a representative will follow up with you within 48 hours. If you completed your application online and have questions call (800) 506-5596 for assistance.



★ IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, Get Connected. Get Answers. the free, confidential helpline

and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. Simply dial 2-1-1. If you want detailed information please go to:

www.impactinc.org/impact-211.

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For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

# **Enjoy Free Milwaukee County Attractions! Visit county.milwaukee.gov/Freedays**



Free to all (excluding groups) the first Thursday of every month, sponsored by Kohl's. County residents get \$2 off every day.

800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee (414) 278-2728 • www.mpm.edu



Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month.

2220 N. Terrace Ave. Milwaukee (414) 271-3656 www.villaterrace.org



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
Free every day for
kids 12 and under.

700 N. Art Museum Dr. Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 www.mam.org

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

#### Charles Allis Art Museum

Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month.

1801 N. Prospect Ave. Milwaukee (414) 278-8295 www.charlesallis.org



Free admission during Family Free Days, but parking fees still apply. Remaining in 2022: 12/3

10001 W. Bluemound Rd. Milwaukee • (414) 256-5412 milwaukeezoo.org



Free admission on the third Thursday of each month

929 E. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee (414) 390-5437 www.bbcmkids.org

# Service Guide for 7th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Aging and Disability Resource Cente	r
General Information	(414) 289-6874
Airports	
Mitchell International Airport	
Timmerman Airport	
Child Support Enforcement	(414) 615-2593
City of Milwaukee	
City Hall/Common Council	
Night(41	4) 286-CITY (2489)
Clerk of Circuit Court	(414) 278-5362
County Clerk	(414) 278-4067
County Executive	(414) 278-4211
County Treasurer	(414) 278-4033
Courts	
Civil Division (small & large claims)	(414) 278-5362
Criminal Division	' '
Children's Court	(414) 257-7700
Dept. of Health and Human Services	(414) 289-6897
District Attorney's Office	
John Chisholm	(414) 278-4646
Election Commission	(414) 278-4060
Emergency/Public Safety	
Sheriff (non-emergency)	
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)	
Emergency Management (24 hours)	(414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention	
Mental Health Crisis	(414) 257-7222
Fraud Hotline	(414) 93-FRAUD
House of Correction	
General and Visiting Information	(414) 427-4700
Jury Services	
General Information	(414) 278-4469
Reserve Juror Message	(414) 985-6000
Low Income Housing	
Rent Assistance	(414) 278-4894
Marcus Performing Arts Center	(414) 273-7121
Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Licenses	<b>c.</b> (414) 278-4067
Medical Examiner	
General Information	(414) 223-1200
Milwaukee Art Museum	
General Information	(414) 224-3200
Milwaukee County Historical Societ	<b>y</b> (414) 273-8288
Milwaukee County Parks	
Boerner Botanical Gardens	(414) 525-5600
General Information	(414) 257-7275
Parks Hotline	
Organized Sports	
Golf Reservations	
Golf Office	(414) 257-8024
District 7 Parks	
Center Street Park, 6420 W. Clarke St	
Cooper Park, 8701 W. Chambers St	, ,
Dineen Park, 6901 W. Vienna Ave	(414) 353-3212

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Harriet Tubman Park, 4750 N. 48th St
Milwaukee County Zoo General Information(414) 771-3040
Milwaukee Public Museum General Information(414) 278-2702
Office of Persons with Disabilities General Information(414) 278-3932
<b>Register in Probate</b> (414) 278-4444
<b>Register of Deeds</b> (414) 278-4021
<b>Rent Assistance</b> (414) 278-4902
Sheriff's Department           General Information         (414) 278-4766           TDD Emergency         (414) 278-5252
Transit System           Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares         (414) 344-6711           Customer Comments         (414) 937-3218           Transit Plus         (414) 343-1700
<b>UW-Extension</b> (414) 256-4600
<b>Veterans Services</b> (414) 266-1234
Victim/Witness Service General Information-Felony(414) 278-4667